Priority to implementation of ten projects in West Bengal

2255. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to give priority to the implementation of the following ten projects in West Bengal;

(a) Circular Rail, (b) Metro Rail, (c) Meghia Thermal Power Plant, (d) Dan-kumi Project, (e) Digha Tamluk Railway line, (f) Howrah-Amta Railway line; and (g) Barasat-Bongaon Doubling project; and

(b) if so, what specific steps have been taken for the expeditious and time-bound implementation of these projects, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) and
(b) The information is being collected from concerned Ministries.

Allocation of levy cement to Orisa

2256. SHRI GANESHWAR KUSUM,:
SHRI JAGADISH JANI:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quarterly allotment of levy cement to the State of Orissa from the Central Pool was appreciably low as against the demand during the last three years; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken by the Central Government to increase the allocation in 1986-87 keeping in view the increasing demand for levy cement in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Due to limited availability of levy cement allocations to different States and Union Territories are decided on the basis of total availability of levy cement in the Central Pool without taking into account demands from States/ Union Territories. The Government of Orissa had requested in February ^ 1984 for a quarterly allocation of 1,01,800 tonnes of levy cement against their then quarterly allocation of 61,800 MT per quarter. On review, the State's quarterly allocation was increased to 67,800 tonnes per quarter from October-December, 1984 orwards.

After taking a comprehensive view of the total availability of levy cement in the country, the Central Government has decided that allocations of levy cement to States/Union Territories should bo reduced to be in]ine with the expected availability. As such, from the quarter July-September 1986, Orissa's quota of levy cement has been reduced from 67,800 tonnes per quarter to 59,700 tonne.; per quarter. There is no proposal to increase the allocation of levy cement to Orissa for the reasons explained above.

Grant of right to Mizoram to trade vrfth Neighbouring countries

2257. SHRI LAL. K. ADVANI;
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a statement of Shri Laldenga which appeared in the Sunday Observer of June 29 and July 5, 198ff to the effect that Government have agreed to grant Mizoram the right to independently trade with neighbouring co untries like China and Burma; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the proposed follow-up action inh'the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Government have seen the relevant news-item. The Memorandum of Settlement on Mizoram signed on 30th June. 1986 reflects the correct position regarding the border trade.